Planning Commission has revealed huge time and cost overruns in power projects which are ejecting the availability of resources for the new projects $0 [b]e taken up during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) if so. what are the details of the review conducted by the Planning Commission;

(c) what remedial steps have been suggested by the Planning Commission to reduce the time and cost overruns in power projects; and

(d) whether the Planning Commission regularly monitors the execution of these projects and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) The latest review of the power sector carried out by the Department of Programme Implementation has revealed time and cost overruns in the Power projects.

(b) As on 1st January, 1995, the cost of 40 power projects (costing Rs. 20 crores and above each) monitored by the Department of Programme Implementation has gone up from the original cost of Rs. 18889.1 crore ,to! Rs. 38847.3 crores.

{e) The remedial steps being taken to reduce time and cost overrun include; close monitoring, review meetings with project authorities and equipment suppliers to remove constraints, adoption of two stage clearance for thermal and hydel projects, introduction of incentives/disincentives for timely completion of work by contractors, and ensuring the availability of adequate funds. ,,

(d) As on lst January, 1995, out of 40 projects, 6 projects have been completed, 3 projects are likely to be completed by March, 1995 and 4.projects are unable to take off due to fund constraint or other problems. Of the remaining 27 projects, 10 projects are on schedule and 17 projects are behind schedule ranging from 1 to 152 months with respect to their latest approved date of commissioning.

**Monitoring *of* annual plan by Planning Commission**

984. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission monitors the annual plan expenditure of the States:

(b) if so, whether 'the States are graded according to their performances; and

(c) if so, the gradation of each State according to their performance during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) to (c) Annual Plan expenditure of the States is reviewed in the course of annual plan discussions in Planning Commission in Working Groups. The Working Groups review the financial as well as physical performance of the schemes and programmes being implemented by the States.

Planning Commission also reviews the progress of expenditure of a State in fourth quarter of the year for assessing availability of funds for implementation of Plan and expenditure incurred. Planning Commission does not grade States according to their performance. However, a statement of approved outlay/revised outlay and actual expenditure for 1992-93 and 1993-94 is enclosed. *(See* below). Figures of actual expenditure for 1994-95 are not yet available.

**Statement**

*Revised Outlay and Actual Expenditure* 1992-93 & 1993-94—*States*

(Rs. Crore)

| Sl. No. | States | Annual Plan 1992-93 | | Annual Plan 1993-94 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Revised Outlay | Actual Expndr. | Revised Outlay | Actual Expndr. |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 1675.00 | 2364.04 | 1851.00 | 2867.46 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 235.35 | 233.61 | 263.91 | * |
| 3. | Assam | 700 00 | 655.44 | 872.00 | 862.19 |
| 4. | Bihar | 1100.00 | 1149.18 | 750.00 | * |
| 5. | Goa | 153.42 | 141.96 | 144.50 | 141.92 |
| 6. | Gujarat | 1875.00 | 1939.75 | 1900.00 | * |
| 7. | Haryana | 804.57 | 748.56 | 839.08 | 806.82 |
| 8. | Himachal Pradesh | 490.50 | 490.98 | 562.82 | 570.73 |
| 9. | Jammu & Kashmir | 623.00 | 620.00 | 684.00 | * |
| 10. | Karnataka | 1915.00 | 1971.41 | 3025.00 | 3025.46 |
| 11. | Kerala | 750.00 | 825.32 | 1019.77 | 1013.06 |
| 12. | Madhya Pradesh | 1792.00 | 1992.03 | 2018.21 | 2235.88 |
| 13. | Maharashtra | 3208.80 | 3372.80 | 3832.80 | * |
| 14. | Manipur | 171.30 | 170.95 | 174.84 | * |
| 15. | Meghalaya | 241.00 | 198.98 | 281.00 | 195.99 |
| 16. | Mizoram | 165.18 | 165.17 | 181.90 | 174.31 |
| 17. | Nagaland | 110.19 | 110.55 | 168.41 | @ |
| 18. | Orissa | 1055.00 | 1054.33 | 1095.19 | * |
| 19. | Punjab | 856.50 | 885.30 | 1140.00 | 1142.68 |
| 20. | Rajasthan | 1410.00 | 1406.67 | 1704.76 | 1743.32 |
| 21. | Sikkim | 110.00 | 102.53 | 100.12 | 121.62 |
| 22. | Tamil Nadu | 1766.75 | 1934.59 | 2102.21 | 2234.45 |
| 23. | Tripura | 240.00 | 217.94 | 220.03 | 224.16 |
| 24. | Uttar Pradesh | 3149.99 | 3457.61 | 2800.00 | * |
| 25. | West Bengal | 703·50 | 881.59 | 1020.94 | 881.59 |

* : Working Group Discussions not yet held & hence information on actual expenditure not available.

@ : Actual Expenditure not reported by the State in the Annual Plan Document 1995-96.